(g) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) The number of elderly persons in the country as per Census 2001 is 7,66,22,321.

(b) No Sir. However, the Ministry grants financial assistance to NGO's for seeting up of Old Age Homes to take care of affected elderly persons.

(c) to (e) The Government provides financial assistance to old-age homes under its two grant-in-aid schemes (i) An Integrated programme for the older persons; (ii) Assistance to Panchayati Raj Institutions/Voluntary organization/self help groups for construction of old age homes/multi service centre for older persons. The details of the old-age homes, State-wise are available on the Ministry's web site: www.socialjustice.nic.in.

(f) and (g) Yes, Sir. During 2004-05,23 new old age homes have been set up to increase the coverage of the scheme in the un-served areas.

Camps for disabled

3364. SHRI S.P.M. SYED KHAN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the recent findings of the CAG's Audit Report reveal that there was a shortfall of 69 per cent in achievement of target set for organizing camps for distribution of aids to the disabled; and

(b) if so, the reasons for failure in implementing the welfare schemes meant for the disabled?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) Allocation under Scheme of Assistance to Disabled persons for purchase/fitting of Aids/Appliances (ADIP Scheme) have been utilized fully and as such there is no shortfall in achieving set targets under ADIP Scheme.

(b) Does not arise.